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# Experimental and Theoretical Characterization of the Oxygen-coordinated Donor-Acceptor Adducts of $\text{COCl}_2$ , $\text{COCIF}$ and $\text{COF}_2$ with $\text{AsF}_5$ and $\text{SbF}_5$

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## Abstract

When reacted with an excess of the corresponding carbonyl halides,  $\text{AsF}_5$  and  $\text{SbF}_5$  from the following 1:1 adducts:  $\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{AsF}_5$ ,  $\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{SbF}_5$ ,  $\text{COCIF} \cdot \text{AsF}_5$ ,  $\text{COCIF} \cdot \text{SbF}_5$ ,  $\text{COF}_2 \cdot \text{AsF}_5$  and  $\text{COF}_2 \cdot \text{SbF}_5$ . All adducts are unstable at ambient temperature, and their dissociation enthalpies were determined from the dissociation pressure curves. Vibrational and multinuclear NMR spectra and theoretical calculations show that all compounds are oxygen-coordinated donor-acceptor adducts, and that the strengths of the oxygen-bridges increase from  $\text{COF}_2$  to  $\text{COCl}_2$  and from  $\text{AsF}_5$  to  $\text{SbF}_5$ .

## Introduction

In the course of an investigation of halocarbonyl cations,<sup>1</sup> it became necessary to study the competing Lewis base-Lewis acid interactions of the dihalocarbonyl compounds,  $\text{COCl}_2$ ,  $\text{COCIF}$  and  $\text{COF}_2$ , with  $\text{AsF}_5$  and  $\text{SbF}_5$ . Although the individual dihalocarbonyl and Lewis acid molecules are well characterized, little is known about their interactions.<sup>2</sup>

For  $\text{COCl}_2$ , no reports on the  $\text{AsF}_5/\text{COCl}_2$  system were found, and the only report on the  $\text{SbF}_5/\text{COCl}_2$  system consists of a brief comment<sup>3</sup> that with a fivefold excess of  $\text{SbF}_5$  in  $\text{SO}_2\text{ClF}$  solution at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  a new signal was observed in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum, which was correctly attributed to the  $\text{COCl}^+$  cation.<sup>1</sup> Other Lewis acids, which were studied in connection with  $\text{COCl}_2$ , include  $\text{BF}_3$ ,  $\text{BCl}_3$ ,  $\text{AlCl}_3$ ,  $\text{AlBr}_3$ ,  $\text{GaCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SnCl}_4$ ,  $\text{SbCl}_5$ ,  $\text{MoCl}_6$ ,  $\text{WCl}_6$ , and  $\text{PtCl}_4$ ,<sup>2</sup> but only for

$\text{AlCl}_3$ <sup>4,5</sup> and possibly  $\text{SbCl}_5$ <sup>4,6</sup> evidence was presented for the existence of oxygen-coordinated 1:1 donor-acceptor adducts.

For  $\text{COClF}$ , the only reports on an interaction with Lewis acids are two NMR studies<sup>3,7</sup> with  $\text{SbF}_5$  in  $\text{SO}_2\text{ClF}$  solution. The results from these studies indicate the presence of an oxygen-coordinated donor-acceptor adduct at low temperatures and halogen exchange at higher temperatures.

For  $\text{COF}_2$ , the presence of thermally unstable, oxygen-coordinated donor-acceptor complexes with  $\text{SbF}_5$  and  $\text{AsF}_5$  were first demonstrated by low-temperature  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR measurements,<sup>7</sup> and subsequently confirmed by low-temperature Raman spectroscopy.<sup>8</sup> However, no physical properties were reported for these adducts, and no reports could be found on other  $\text{COF}_2 \cdot \text{Lewis acid}$  adducts.

## Experimental Section

**Materials and Methods.** Carbonyl chloride (Matheson),  $\text{COF}_2$  (PCR Research Chemicals), and  $\text{AsF}_5$  (Ozark Mahoning) were used as received. Antimony pentafluoride (Ozark Mahoning) was distilled prior to use. The  $\text{COClF}$  was prepared by a literature method.<sup>11</sup>

The volatile materials were handled in a stainless steel vacuum line equipped with Teflon-FEP U-traps, 316 stainless steel bellows seal valves, and a Heise pressure gauge.<sup>9</sup> Nonvolatile materials were handled in the dry nitrogen atmosphere of a glove box. Raman spectra were recorded on a Cary model 83 GT using 1.5 w of the 488 nm exciting line of an Ar ion laser and flame sealed Pyrex tubes as sample containers. A previously described<sup>10</sup> device was used for the recording of the low-temperature spectra. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Midac model M FTIR spectrometer. NMR spectra were measured on a Varian Model Unity 300 MHz NMR spectrometer equipped with a 5 mm variable-temperature broad band probe. Sealed capillaries, which were filled with acetone- $\text{d}_6$  as lock substance, TMS as  $^{13}\text{C}$  reference and  $\text{CFCl}_3$  or  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CF}_3$  as  $^{19}\text{F}$  reference, were placed inside the NMR tubes.

For the dissociation pressure measurements, the 1:1 adducts of  $\text{AsF}_5$  and  $\text{SbF}_5$  with the carbonyl halides were preformed in a Teflon-FEP ampule, which was directly connected to a Heise pressure gauge. The equilibrium dissociation pressures were established for each temperature, approaching the equilibria from both sides, i.e., higher pressures and lower pressures. The thermochemical properties were derived in the same manner as previously described.<sup>12</sup> The method used for the tensiometric titration (vapor pressure-composition isotherm) of the  $\text{AsF}_5$ - $\text{COF}_2$  system has previously been described.<sup>4</sup>

**Preparation of  $\text{COF}_2 \cdot \text{AsF}_5$ .** Arsenic pentafluoride (3.75 mmol) and  $\text{COF}_2$  (40.0 mmol) were combined in a 1/8" o.d. Teflon-FEP ampule at  $-196^\circ\text{C}$ . The mixture was stirred at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 h with a magnetic stirring bar, resulting in a suspension of a white solid in liquid  $\text{COF}_2$ . The excess of  $\text{COF}_2$  was pumped off at  $-126^\circ\text{C}$ , leaving behind the white, solid  $\text{COF}_2 \cdot \text{AsF}_5$  adduct in quantitative yield. The adduct melts in the range of  $-45$  to  $-42^\circ\text{C}$ . Dissociation pressure (temperature [ $^\circ\text{C}$ ], pressure [mm]):  $(-100, 2)$ ,  $(-95, 4)$ ,  $(-90, 7)$ ,  $(-85, 13)$ ,  $(-81, 20)$ ,  $(-75, 38)$ ,  $(-71, 58)$ ,  $(-70, 66)$ ,  $(-66, 98)$ ,  $(-65, 108)$ ,  $(-64, 119)$ ,  $(-63, 131)$ ,  $(-62, 140)$ ,  $(-60, 168)$ ,  $(-57, 211)$ ,  $(-55, 253)$ . NMR ( $\text{SO}_2\text{ClF}$ ,  $-60^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\text{COF}_2 \cdot \text{AsF}_5$ :  $\delta(^{13}\text{C})$  137.8 ppm;  $^1\text{J}(\text{CF})$  330 Hz;  $\delta(^{19}\text{F})$ -16 ppm.  $\text{COF}_2$ :  $\delta(^{13}\text{C})$  130.0 ppm;  $^1\text{J}(\text{CF})$  313 Hz;  $\delta(^{19}\text{F})$ -23 ppm.

**Preparation of  $\text{COF}_2 \cdot \text{SbF}_5$ .** A mixture of  $\text{SbF}_5$  (16.8 mmol) and  $\text{COF}_2$  (40.0 mmol) was reacted and the resulting white, solid 1:1 adduct isolated as described for  $\text{COF}_2 \cdot \text{AsF}_5$ . The yield of  $\text{COF}_2 \cdot \text{SbF}_5$  was quantitative.

**Preparation of  $\text{COCIF} \cdot \text{AsF}_5$ .** A mixture of  $\text{AsF}_5$  (1.7 mmol) and  $\text{COCIF}$  (30.2 mmol) was stirred at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 h. The excess of  $\text{COCIF}$  was pumped off at  $-110^\circ\text{C}$ , leaving behind  $\text{COCIF} \cdot \text{AsF}_5$  (1.7 mmol) as a white, solid powder melting in the range  $-42$  to  $-39^\circ\text{C}$ . Dissociation

pressure (temperature [°C], pressure [mm]): (-87, 3), (-84, 4), (-82, 5), (-80, 6), (-79, 7), (-78, 8), (-77, 9), (-76, 10), (-75, 11), (-74, 14), (-73, 16), (-72, 18), (-71, 20), (-70, 22), (-69, 25), (-68, 28), (-67, 32), (-66, 35), (-65, 39), (-64, 44), (-63, 50), (-62, 56), (-61, 62), (-60, 68), (-59, 76), (-58, 85), (-57, 94), (-56, 104), (-55, 117), (-54, 128), (-53, 140), (-52, 157), (-51, 170), (-50, 192), (-49, 224), (-48, 247), (-47, 275), (-46, 298), (-45, 320), (-44, 342), (-43, 363), (-42, 380).

**Preparation of COClF•SbF<sub>5</sub>.** A mixture of SbF<sub>5</sub> (2.3 mmol) and COClF (15.6 mmol) was reacted as described for COClF•AsF<sub>5</sub>, resulting in the quantitative formation of the white, solid COClF•SbF<sub>5</sub> adduct. NMR (SO<sub>2</sub>ClF, -60 °C): COClF•SbF<sub>5</sub>: δ(<sup>13</sup>C) 163.8 ppm; <sup>1</sup>J(CF) 383 Hz; δ(<sup>19</sup>F) 73.9 ppm. COFCl: δ(<sup>13</sup>C) 142.0 ppm; <sup>1</sup>J(CF) 368 Hz; δ(<sup>19</sup>F) 59.7 ppm. Dissociation pressure (temperature [°C] pressure [mm]): (-43, 3), (-40, 9), (-38, 11), (-36, 14), (-34, 19), (-29, 35), (-25, 54), (-23, 70), (-20, 96), (-16, 139), (-15, 152), (-13, 173), (-12, 187), (-11, 194), (-10, 200).

**Preparation of COCl<sub>2</sub>•AsF<sub>5</sub>.** A mixture of AsF<sub>5</sub> (12.0 mmol) and COCl<sub>2</sub> (30.0 mmol) was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. The excess of COCl<sub>2</sub> was pumped off at -85 °C, leaving behind 3.2g of a white solid (weight calcd for 12.0 mmol of COCl<sub>2</sub>•AsF<sub>5</sub> = 3.226 g), melting at -20 ± 2 °C. NMR (SO<sub>2</sub>ClF, -60 °C): COCl<sub>2</sub>•AsF<sub>5</sub>: δ(<sup>13</sup>C) 155.9 ppm. COCl<sub>2</sub>: δ(<sup>13</sup>C) 143.7 ppm. Dissociation pressure (temperature [°C], pressure [mm]): (-63, 5), (-60, 9), (-58, 12), (-51, 22), (-44, 49), (-43, 59), (-42, 66), (-40, 85), (-38, 104), (-37, 115), (-35, 143), (-32, 186), (-29, 230), (-28, 260), (-27, 292), (-26, 330), (-25, 375), (-24, 421), (-22, 481).

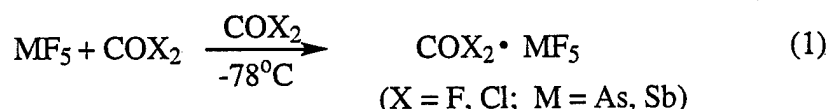
**Preparation of COCl<sub>2</sub>•SbF<sub>5</sub>.** Antimony pentafluoride (4.3 mmol) was dissolved at -78 °C in 5 mL of liquid COCl<sub>2</sub>. After 5 min the solution became turbid and a precipitate formed. After

1.5 h, the excess of  $\text{COCl}_2$  was pumped off at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , leaving behind 4.3 mmol of  $\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{SbF}_5$  in the form of a white powder. Dissociation pressure and NMR data could not be measured due to rapid F-Cl exchange resulting in  $\text{COCIF}$  formation.

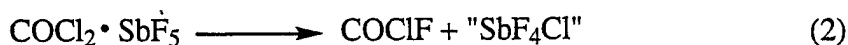
**Computational Methods.** The optimized geometries, vibrational spectra and NMR chemical shifts of the O-coordinated carbonyl halide  $\cdot\text{MF}_5$  ( $\text{M} = \text{As}, \text{Sb}$ ) adducts were calculated using density functional methods. The B3LYP hybrid functional<sup>13</sup> and the Stevens, Basch, Krauss, Jasien and Cundari effective core potentials and the corresponding valence double-zeta basis sets<sup>14</sup> were used. The basis set was augmented with a diffuse s+p shell<sup>15</sup> and a single Cartesian d polarization function on each atom.<sup>16</sup> These calculations, hereafter denoted as B3LYP/SBK+(d), were performed using Gaussian 94 and 98.<sup>17</sup> The calculated Hessian matrices (second derivatives of the energy with respect to Cartesian coordinates) were converted to symmetry-adapted internal coordinates for further analysis with the program systems GAMESS<sup>18</sup> and Bmtrx.<sup>19</sup>

## Results and Discussion

**Synthesis and Properties of the  $\text{COX}_2 \cdot \text{MF}_5$  ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{F}$ ;  $\text{M} = \text{As}, \text{Sb}$ ) Adducts.** Both  $\text{SbF}_5$  and  $\text{AsF}_5$  form with the an excess of either  $\text{COCl}_2$ ,  $\text{COFCl}$  or  $\text{COF}_2$  exclusively O-coordinated 1:1 donor-acceptor complexes (1).



The 1:1 compositions were established by the observed material balances and for the  $\text{COF}_2/\text{AsF}_5$  system by a tensimetric titration (vapor pressure-composition isotherm)<sup>4</sup> at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  which gave evidence only for a 1:1 adduct. The resulting adducts are white solids which are thermally unstable and decompose reversibly to the starting materials, except for the  $\text{COCl}_2/\text{SbF}_5$  system for which rapid irreversible fluorine-chlorine exchange is observed (2).<sup>11</sup>

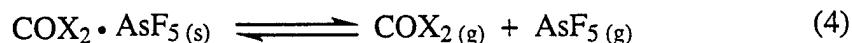


The oxygen-bridged nature of these adducts was established by vibrational and multinuclear NMR spectroscopy and the results from the theoretical calculations. Only for COClF with at least a threefold excess of SbF<sub>5</sub>, does the formation of ionic salts containing the ClCO<sup>+</sup> cation become energetically more favorable (3).<sup>1</sup>



The preferential formation of oxygen-coordinated 1:1 donor-acceptor adducts in these systems is in accord with the previous Raman study of the COF<sub>2</sub>•MF<sub>5</sub> (M = As, Sb) systems,<sup>8</sup> a <sup>19</sup>F NMR study of the COClF•SbF<sub>5</sub> system,<sup>7</sup> and a tensimetric and IR spectroscopic study of the COCl<sub>2</sub>/AlCl<sub>3</sub> system.<sup>4</sup>

**Thermochemical Properties.** Based on the vapor pressure data given in the Experimental Section, plots of log P versus T<sup>-1</sup> for the heterogenous equilibria (4) and (5) give straight lines,



which can be described by the following equations:

$$\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{AsF}_5 (210-251 \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}): \log P (\text{mm}) = -2486.13/T(^{\circ}\text{K}) + 12.5768$$

$$\text{COClF} \cdot \text{AsF}_5 (186-231 \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}): \log P (\text{mm}) = -2092.67/T(^{\circ}\text{K}) + 11.649$$

$$\text{COF}_2 \cdot \text{AsF}_5 (173-218 \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}): \log P (\text{mm}) = -1767.12/T(^{\circ}\text{K}) + 10.5084$$

$$\text{COClF} \cdot \text{SbF}_5 (230-263 \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}): \log P (\text{mm}) = -3038.9/T(^{\circ}\text{K}) + 13.98$$

The thermochemical properties, derived from these data by standard procedures,<sup>12</sup> are summarized in Table 1. Literature values were used for the required heats of formation of AsF<sub>5</sub>,<sup>20</sup> SbF<sub>5</sub>,<sup>21</sup> and the carbonyl halides.<sup>22</sup> Table 1 shows that the stability of the COX<sub>2</sub>•MF<sub>5</sub> adducts decreases from SbF<sub>5</sub> to AsF<sub>5</sub>, as expected for the decrease in Lewis acidity, and from COCl<sub>2</sub> to COF<sub>2</sub>, as expected from a decreasing basicity of the oxygen with increasing electron density withdrawal by the more electronegative fluorine ligands. The decrease in the dissociation energy ΔH<sub>d</sub><sup>°</sup> from COClF•AsF<sub>5</sub>



to  $\text{COCIF}\cdot\text{SbF}_5$  should not be mistaken as an indication of a weaker adduct. The decrease in  $\Delta H_d^\circ$  is caused by the fact that at the investigated dissociation temperatures the  $\text{SbF}_5$  decomposition product is a solid and not a gas. Therefore, the value of  $\Delta H_d^\circ$  is only one half of that expected for the formation of two moles of gas from one mole of solid. The slopes of the  $\log P$  versus  $T^{-1}$  curves, which are independent of the number of moles of gas in the decomposition products, reflect the expected stability trends, i.e.,  $\text{COCl}_2\cdot\text{AsF}_5 > \text{COCIF}\cdot\text{AsF}_5 > \text{COF}_2\cdot\text{AsF}_5$  and  $\text{COCIF}\cdot\text{SbF}_5 > \text{COCIF}\cdot\text{AsF}_5$ . The same stability trend is also displayed by the extrapolated temperature values at which the adducts would reach a dissociation pressure of one atmosphere (see Table 1). A comparison of the data of Table 1 with the previously reported<sup>4</sup> dissociation pressure of 440 mm at 25 °C for  $\text{COCl}_2\cdot\text{AlCl}_3$  suggests that the stability of the  $\text{COCl}_2\cdot\text{AlCl}_3$  adduct is significantly higher than that of  $\text{COCl}_2\cdot\text{AsF}_5$ .

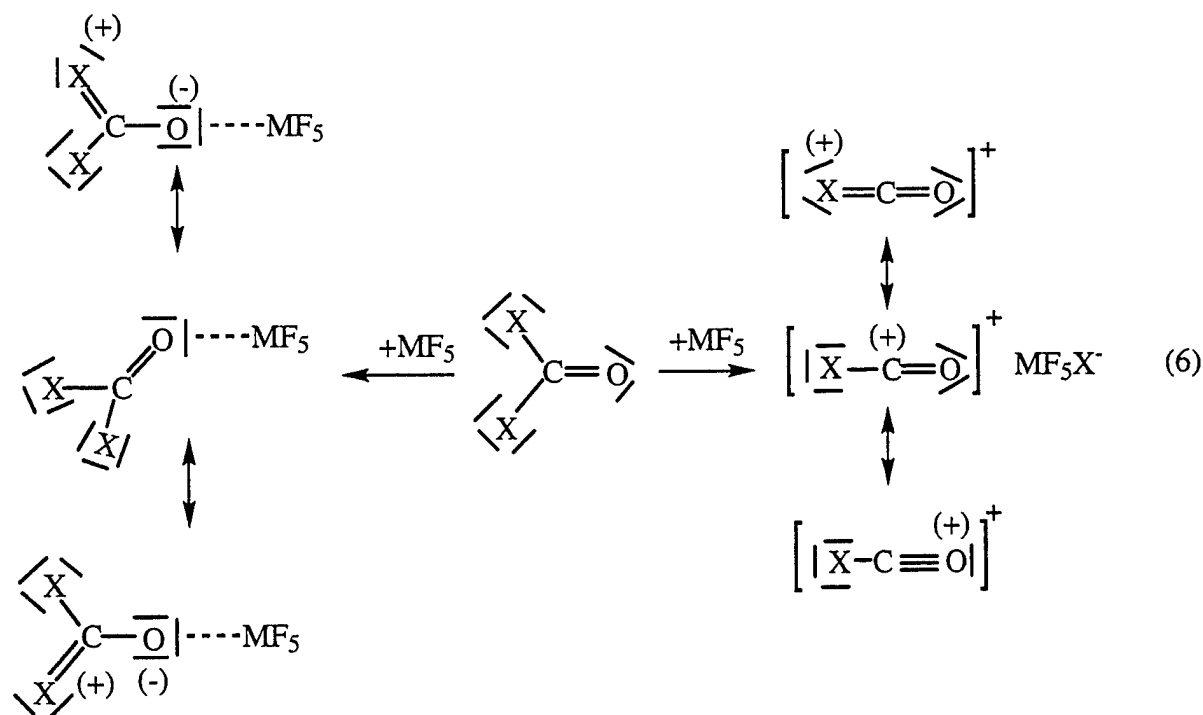
**NMR-Spectra.** The results of our  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR study are summarized in Table 2. In agreement with a previous observation,<sup>7</sup> difficulties were encountered in observing well resolved signals for some of the systems at low temperatures due to exchange phenomena. Table 2 shows that on formation of the donor-acceptor adducts both the  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  signals of the free carbonyl halides are shifted to lower fields, as expected from a deshielding of these nuclei by the electron withdrawing effect of the Lewis acids. These shifts vary from about 5 to 20 ppm and appear to be larger for the stronger Lewis acid  $\text{SbF}_5$ . The magnitudes and directions of these shifts were confirmed for the  $\text{COF}_2\cdot\text{AsF}_5$  adduct by our theoretical calculations at the B3LYP/SBK+(d) level of theory using the GIAO method (see Table 2).

The previously reported<sup>3,7</sup> NMR data are for the most part ambiguous. Thus, the report<sup>3</sup> on the  $\text{COCIF}\cdot\text{SbF}_5$  adduct in  $\text{SO}_2\text{ClF}$  at -80 °C listed only  $^{13}\text{C}$  data with a wide shift range of 150-175 ppm which do not permit a meaningful comparison with the signal of free  $\text{COCIF}$ .

The other previous report<sup>7</sup> dealt only with the  $^{19}\text{F}$  spectra of  $\text{COF}_2\cdot\text{SbF}_5$ ,  $\text{COFCl}\cdot\text{SbF}_5$  and  $\text{COF}_2\cdot\text{AsF}_5$  in  $\text{SO}_2\text{ClF}$  solution and also contained some ambiguities. Thus, for  $\text{COF}_2\cdot\text{AsF}_5$  no

signal for coordinated  $\text{COF}_2$  was observed at  $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , leading to the incorrect conclusion that even at this low temperature complexation must be incomplete. Furthermore, for a concentrated  $\text{COCIF}/\text{SbF}_5$  solution at  $-80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , only signals due to free  $\text{COF}_2$  and  $\text{COF}_2\cdot\text{SbF}_5$  were observed, while for a dilute solution at  $-95\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  a signal at 59.9 ppm was attributed to  $\text{COCIF}\cdot\text{SbF}_5$ . However, this shift is almost identical to that of 59.7 ppm found in our study for free  $\text{COCIF}$  and is quite different from that of 73.9 ppm, found by us for the  $\text{COCIF}\cdot\text{SbF}_5$  adduct. The only previously well established shift due to complexation appears to be that of 21.7 ppm for the  $\text{COF}_2 - \text{COF}_2\cdot\text{SbF}_5$  pair at  $-100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  in  $\text{SO}_2\text{ClF}$  solution, which has been included in Table 2. It supports our conclusion that the stronger Lewis acid  $\text{SbF}_5$  deshields the fluorine ligands of the coordinated carbonyl halides more strongly than  $\text{AsF}_5$ .

**Vibrational Spectra and Theoretical Calculations.** Vibrational spectra are well suited to distinguish between ionic salts and covalent donor-acceptor adducts.<sup>1,23</sup> As shown by the valence bond structures (6), the C-O and C-X bond orders and, therefore, also their stretching frequencies



decrease and the C-X stretching frequencies increase, compared to the free  $\text{COX}_2$  molecule. Furthermore, a  $\text{COX}^+\text{SbF}_6^-\text{X}^-$  salt should exhibit only 18 normal modes, while a covalent donor-acceptor adduct should possess 24.

The observed low-temperature Raman spectra of the solid 1:1 complexes of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{CO}$  and  $\text{ClFCO}$  with  $\text{AsF}_5$  and  $\text{SbF}_5$  are shown in Figures 1 and 2, and the observed frequencies are summarized in Tables 3 and 4. The large number of observed Raman bands, their frequency shifts relative to the free carbonyl halides,<sup>24</sup> and the excellent fit with the calculated frequencies and intensities (see Tables 3 and 4) leave no doubt that these complexes are O-coordinated donor-acceptor adducts.

Traditionally, the vibrational spectra of this type of covalent donor-acceptor adducts have been analyzed in terms of their separate components in their original point groups, ignoring the bridge modes and the splittings of degenerate modes caused by the symmetry lowering in the adducts. This approach has generally been quite useful and has permitted the analysis of the gross features of the spectra, particularly when the donor-acceptor interactions are relatively weak and the splittings of the degenerate modes are small. However, a rigorous analysis of the finer details of the observed spectra requires a treatment in the correct point group of the adduct, as shown in Table 3. The resulting agreement between the observed and calculated spectra of  $\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{AsF}_5$  is very good. The fact that the observed carbonyl stretching frequency is lower and the  $\text{CCl}_2$  stretching frequencies are higher than those calculated indicates that in the condensed phase the interactions between the carbonyl halides and the Lewis acids are stronger than those predicted for the free gaseous adducts. Therefore, the calculated optimized geometries, shown in Figure 3, are expected to exhibit somewhat longer M-O and shorter C-O bonds than those expected for the condensed phase. The theoretical results furthermore predict that the modes due to the M-O bridge should occur below  $100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and, hence, justify the traditional approach of neglecting the bridge modes in a vibrational analysis. Finally, it should be noted, that our normal coordinate analyses show that, contrary to the previous assignments<sup>8</sup> and those generally given for closely related  $\text{C}_{4v}$

MF<sub>4</sub>F species,<sup>25,26</sup> the frequencies of the MF<sub>5</sub> deformation modes decrease in the following order:  $\delta$ scissor MF<sub>4</sub> in plane >  $\delta$ FMF<sub>4</sub> >  $\delta$ umbrella MF<sub>4</sub> >  $\delta$ asym MF<sub>4</sub> in plane.

The observed Raman spectra of COCl<sub>2</sub>•MF<sub>5</sub> (M = As, Sb) agree very well with the calculations, except for two extra bands observed for COCl<sub>2</sub>•SbF<sub>5</sub> at 442 and 346 cm<sup>-1</sup>. These bands occur in the Sb-Cl region and are tentatively attributed to some halogen exchange between COCl<sub>2</sub> and SbF<sub>5</sub> which is known<sup>11</sup> to occur rapidly at slightly elevated temperatures.

For the COCIF•MF<sub>5</sub> adducts, two conformers are possible because either the fluorine or the chlorine ligand of COCIF could be oriented towards the MF<sub>5</sub> group. The two conformers differ only very little in energy (~0.1 kcal/mol) and their calculated vibrational spectra are almost identical. Therefore, the observed Raman spectra do not allow to distinguish between the two conformers, <sup>hence</sup> and the <sup>conformers</sup> ones with the fluorines pointing toward the MF<sub>5</sub> groups were chosen for our analyses (see Table 4). The MF<sub>5</sub> bands in their COCIF adducts agree well with those of the corresponding COCl<sub>2</sub> adducts, but the deviations between the observed and calculated bands for the COCIF part of the adducts are larger than those for the COCl<sub>2</sub> adducts.

For the COF<sub>2</sub>•MF<sub>5</sub> adducts, good quality Raman spectra have previously been reported<sup>8</sup> by Chen and Passmore, and their experimental data are compared with our calculations in Table 5. Again, the overall agreement is very satisfactory.

A comparison of the relative changes of the carbonyl halide stretching frequencies within the COCl<sub>2</sub>•MF<sub>5</sub>, COFCl•MF<sub>5</sub> and COF<sub>2</sub>•MF<sub>5</sub> series shows that the strength of the adducts increases from COF<sub>2</sub> to COCl<sub>2</sub> and from AsF<sub>5</sub> to SbF<sub>5</sub>, i.e., with increasing basicity of the donor and increasing acidity of the acceptor. Hence, COCl<sub>2</sub>•SbF<sub>5</sub> is the strongest and COF<sub>2</sub>•AsF<sub>5</sub> the weakest adduct within this series.

## Conclusion

Even with strong Lewis acids, such as AsF<sub>5</sub> or SbF<sub>5</sub>, the carbonyl halides, COCl<sub>2</sub>, COFCl and COF<sub>2</sub>, form exclusively O-coordinated donor-acceptor adducts and no ionic salts. The

stability of the adducts increases with increasing basicity of the donor, i.e., from  $\text{COF}_2$  to  $\text{COCl}_2$ , and with increasing acidity of the acceptor, i.e., from  $\text{AsF}_5$  to  $\text{SbF}_5$ . This conclusion is strongly supported by thermochemical measurements, vibrational and multinuclear NMR spectroscopy and theoretical calculations.

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Table 1. Thermochemical Data for the Dissociation of the  $X_2CO \cdot MF_5$  Donor-Acceptor Adducts and Their Heats of Formation.

	$\Delta H_d^\circ$ <sup>a</sup> kcal/mol	T(1 atm) <sup>b</sup> °C	P <sub>298</sub> <sup>c</sup> atm	$\Delta F_{298}^\circ$ <sup>d</sup> kcal/mol	$\Delta S_{298}^\circ$ <sup>e</sup> cal/deg mol	$\Delta H_{f298}^\circ(X_2CO \cdot AsF_5)$ <sup>f</sup> kcal/mol
Cl <sub>2</sub> CO·AsF <sub>5</sub>	22.75	-16.8	22.78	-2.882	85.98	-370.81
ClFCO·AsF <sub>5</sub>	19.15	-34.5	56.15	-3.951	77.49	-416.61
F <sub>2</sub> CO·AsF <sub>5</sub>	16.17	-41.5	50.19	-3.818	67.05	-464.33
ClFCO·SbF <sub>5</sub>	13.91	0.6	8.07	-0.826	49.41	-433.15

<sup>a</sup>Enthalpies of dissociation, calculated from the slope of the log P vs T<sup>-1</sup> curves. <sup>b</sup>Extrapolated temperatures at which the dissociation pressures of the solid adducts would reach a dissociation pressure of 760 mm. <sup>c</sup>Extrapolated dissociation pressures at 298°K. <sup>d</sup>Values for the free energy change at 298 °K. <sup>e</sup>Values for the entropy changes at 298 °K. <sup>f</sup>Standard heats of formation of the solid adducts using the dissociation enthalpies of this work and the following literature values for the heats of formation:  $\Delta H_{f298}^\circ(COCl_{2(g)}) = -52,600$ ;  $\Delta H_{f298}^\circ(COFCI_{(g)}) = -102.00$ ;  $\Delta H_{f298}^\circ(COF_{2(g)}) = -152.700$ ;  $\Delta H_{f298}^\circ(AsF_{5(g)}) = -295.461$ ;  $\Delta H_{f298}^\circ(SbF_{5(l)}) = -317.248$  kcal/mol.

**Table 3. Calculated (B3LYP/SBK+(d) Vibrational Frequencies and Observed Raman Spectra of the  $\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{MF}_5$  ( $\text{M}=\text{As}, \text{Sb}$ ) Adducts and their Analyses Based on the Point Groups of the Adducts and the Individual Donor and Acceptor Molecules**

_____ assignments, approx mode descript _____			_____ freq, $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , intensities <sup>a</sup> _____			
			_____ $\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{AsF}_5$ _____		_____ $\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{SbF}_5$ <sup>c</sup> _____	
$\text{MF}_5$ $\text{C}_{4v}$	$\text{COCl}_2$ $\text{C}_{2v}$	$\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{MF}_5$ $\text{C}_s$	obsd Ra	calcd (IR)[Ra]	obsd Ra	calcd (IR)[Ra]
	$\nu_1(\text{A}_1)1827$	$\nu(\text{A}')\nu\text{C}=\text{O}$	1610[33]	1768(671)[43]	1587[14]	1718(740)[29]
	$\nu_4(\text{B}_1)849$	$\nu_2(\text{A}')\nu\text{as CCl}_2$	978[11]	896(460)[9.7]	989[3.4]	930(430)[6.1]
$\nu_7(\text{E})$		$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nu_3(\text{A}')\nu\text{as MF}_4 \\ \nu_{16}(\text{A}'')\nu\text{as MF}_4 \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 770[4] \\ 733[1] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 734(127)[.35] \\ 736(152)[.09] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 708[2] \\ — \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 667(90)[2.2] \\ 667(114)[.13] \end{array} \right.$
$\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$		$\nu_4(\text{A}')\nu \text{MF}'$	757[44]	742(153)[8.3]	683[22]	665(114)[5.5]
$\nu_2(\text{A}_1)$		$\nu_5(\text{A}')\nu\text{s MF}_4\text{in phase}$	698[100]	663(1.7)[30]	654[100]	617(5.7)[34]
	$\nu_2(\text{A}_1)567$	$\nu_6(\text{A}')\nu\text{s CCl}_2$	660[52]	597(8.4)[16.4]	676[66]	623(.27)[3.9]
$\nu_4(\text{B}_1)$		$\nu_{17}(\text{A}'')\nu\text{s MF}_4\text{ out of phase}$	615[15]	597(.21)[2.8]	608[16]	577(.34)[2.3]
	$\nu_6(\text{B}_2)580$	$\nu_{18}(\text{A}'')\delta \text{MOCCl out of plane}$	592[2]	582(3.3)[.02]	600sh	585(3.3)[.08]
	$\nu_5(\text{B}_1)440$	$\nu_7(\text{A}')\delta \text{MOCCl in plane}$	538[22]	471(.25)[4.6]	528[9]	484(2.7)[4.1]
$\nu_3(\text{A}_1)$		$\nu_8(\text{A}')\delta \text{sciss MF}_4$	402[19]	403(.03)[1.6]	303[.21]	307(.12)[1.5]
$\nu_8(\text{E})$		$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nu_{19}(\text{A}'')\delta \text{FMF}_4\text{ out of plane} \\ \nu_9(\text{A}')\delta \text{FMF}_4\text{ in plane} \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 391[4] \\ 380[11] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 380(47)[.26] \\ 379(42)[.33] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 286[8] \\ 279[4] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 287(53)[.34] \\ 283(46)[.18] \end{array} \right.$
	$\nu_3(\text{A}_1)285$	$\nu_{10}(\text{A}')\delta \text{sciss CCl}_2$	360[33]	308(46)[4.2]	394[37]	322(2.7)[5.1]
$\nu_6(\text{B}_2)$		$\nu_{11}(\text{A}')\delta \text{umbrella MF}_4$	328[15]	331(83)[2.4]	260[2]	262(141)[.17]
$\nu_9(\text{E})$		$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nu_{12}(\text{A}')\delta \text{as MF}_4\text{ in plane} \\ \nu_{20}(\text{A}'')\delta \text{as MF}_4\text{ in plane} \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 304[29] \\ 238[11] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 276(.88)[1.7] \\ 278(.63)[.84] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 236[16] \\ — \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 221(.90)[1.3] \\ 233(.48)[.42] \end{array} \right.$
		$\nu_{21}(\text{A}'')\delta \text{wag COCl}_2$	181[14]	165(.20)[.61]	190[21]	165(.20)[.85]
		$\nu_{13}(\text{A}')\delta \text{rock COCl}_2$	140[13]	125(1.2)[.55]	146[22]	134(8.4)[.91]
$\nu_5(\text{B}_1)$		$\nu_{22}(\text{A}'')\delta \text{pucker MF}_4$	—	115(0)[0]	—	119(0)[.01]
		$\nu_{14}(\text{A}')\nu\text{M-O}$	—	74(15)[.04]	—	104(13)[.15]
		$\nu_{15}(\text{A}')\delta\text{M-O-C}$	—	49(1.9)[.36]	—	60(.04)[.18]
		$\nu_{23}(\text{A}'')\tau \text{c-o}$	—	38(.15)[1.2]	—	45(.06)[.88]
		$\nu_{24}(\text{A}'')\tau \text{M-O}$	—	16(.09)[1.2]	—	24(1.0)[1.38]

<sup>a</sup>Calculated infrared and Raman intensities in  $\text{km/mol}$  and  $\text{\AA}^4/\text{amu}$ , respectively. <sup>b</sup>Data from ref. 24.

<sup>c</sup>In the Raman spectrum of solid  $\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{SbF}_5$  two additional bands were observed at 442[8] and 346[15]  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  which were of variable intensity and probably do not belong to the adduct (see text).

Table 4. Calculated (B3LYP/SBK + (d)) Vibrational Frequencies and Observed Raman Spectra of the COCIF·MF<sub>5</sub> (M = As, Sb) Adducts and their Analyses Based on the Point Groups of the Adducts and the Individual Donor and Acceptor Molecules

assignments, approx mode descript			freq, cm <sup>-1</sup> , intensities			
MF <sub>5</sub>	COCIF	COCIF·MF <sub>5</sub>	COCIF·AsF <sub>5</sub>		COCIF·SbF <sub>5</sub>	
			obsd Ra	calcd <sup>c</sup> (IR)[Ra]	obsd Ra	calcd <sup>c</sup> (IR)[Ra]
C <sub>4v</sub>	Cs obsd <sup>a</sup>	Cs				
	v <sub>1</sub> (A') 1868	v <sub>1</sub> (A') vc = o	1701[40]	1826(695)[38]	1669[8]	1789(751)[25]
	v <sub>2</sub> (A') 1095	v <sub>2</sub> (A') vcF	1220[1]	1167(416)[4]	1257(vs) <sup>b</sup>	1208(412)[2.0]
v <sub>7</sub> (E)		{ v <sub>3</sub> (A') vas MF <sub>4</sub> v <sub>16</sub> (A'') vas MF <sub>4</sub>	{ 780[5] 732[5]	{ 735(147)[.17] 736(160)[.06]	712[2]	{ 667(112)[2.0] 670(126)[.22]
v <sub>1</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )		v <sub>4</sub> (A') v MF'	742[52]	743(173)[5.8]	689[42]	668(106)[4.0]
v <sub>2</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )		v <sub>5</sub> (A') vs MF <sub>4</sub> in phase	695[100]	663(2.2)[31]	651[100]	621(2.3)[28]
v <sub>4</sub> (B <sub>1</sub> )	v <sub>3</sub> (A') 776	v <sub>6</sub> (A') v CCl	835[35]	781(47)[15]	842[21]	795(50)[13]
	v <sub>6</sub> (A'') 667	v <sub>17</sub> (A'') vs MF <sub>4</sub> out of phase v <sub>18</sub> (A'') δ MO CCl out of plane	616[16] 580[4]	597(.13)[3.1] 659(8.5)[.32]	603[15] 590[2]	578(.36)[2.6] 660(2.4)[.20]
v <sub>3</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )	v <sub>4</sub> (A') 501	v <sub>7</sub> (A') δ MO CCl in plane v <sub>8</sub> (A') δ sciss MF <sub>4</sub>	453[16] 401[13]	520(2.1)[5.2] 404(.01)[1.6]	470[15] 301[18]	536(6.8)[3.4] 308(.08)[1.6]
v <sub>8</sub> (E)		{ v <sub>19</sub> (A'') δ FMF <sub>4</sub> out of plane v <sub>9</sub> (A') δ FMF <sub>4</sub> in plane	{ 390[4] 382[2]	{ 380(48)[.25] 379(43)[.26]	275[3]	{ 287(53)[.30] 285(49)[.29]
v <sub>6</sub> (B <sub>2</sub> )	v <sub>5</sub> (A') 415	v <sub>10</sub> (A') δ sciss ClCF v <sub>11</sub> (A') δ umbrella MF <sub>4</sub>	340[9] 325[3]	420(.29)[2.3] 327(125)[1.9]	337[3] 265[2]	429(1.9)[2.4] 264(134)[.27]
v <sub>9</sub> (E)		{ v <sub>12</sub> (A') δ as MF <sub>4</sub> in plane v <sub>20</sub> (A'') δ as MF <sub>4</sub> in plane	{ 306[10] 233[5]	{ 276(.83)[1.0] 278(.69)[.86]	240[8]	{ 223(.98)[.79] 232(.77)[.41]
v <sub>5</sub> (B <sub>1</sub> )		v <sub>21</sub> (A'') δ wag COCIF v <sub>13</sub> (A') δ rock COCIF v <sub>22</sub> (A'') δ pucker MF <sub>4</sub> v <sub>14</sub> (A') v M-O v <sub>15</sub> (A') δ M-O-C v <sub>23</sub> (A'') τ c=O v <sub>24</sub> (A'') τ M-O	197[4] 148[17]	164(.12)[.45] 137(1.2)[.13] 114(0)[0] 76(15)[.21] 53(1.6)[.31] 36(.13)[1.1] 28(.02)[.51]	198[20]	165(.13)[.73] 146(5.5)[.60] 115(0)[0] 109(14)[.20] 62(.05)[.27] 41(.06)[.64] 32(.01)[.81]

<sup>a</sup>Data from ref 2.4. <sup>b</sup>Frequency and intensity from the infrared spectrum. <sup>c</sup>The listed calculated frequencies are for the isomers in which the fluorine atom of the COCIF unit is pointed toward MF<sub>5</sub>.

**Table 5. Calculated (B3LYP/SBK+(d)) Vibrational Frequencies and Literature <sup>a</sup>Raman Spectra of the COF<sub>2</sub>·MF<sub>5</sub> (M = As, Sb) Adducts and their Analyses.**

_____ assignments, approx mode descript _____			_____ freq, cm <sup>-1</sup> , intensities _____			
MF <sub>5</sub>	COF <sub>2</sub>	COF <sub>2</sub> ·MF <sub>5</sub>	_____ COF <sub>2</sub> ·AsF <sub>5</sub> _____		_____ COF <sub>2</sub> ·SbF <sub>5</sub> _____	
			obsd Ra	calcd (IR)[Ra]	obsd Ra	calcd (IR)[Ra]
C <sub>4v</sub>	C <sub>2v</sub> obsd <sup>b</sup>	C <sub>s</sub>				
	v <sub>1</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )1928	v <sub>1</sub> (A')νC=O	1788[12]	1896(704)[22]	1770[9]	1866(753)[13]
	v <sub>4</sub> (B <sub>1</sub> )1249	v <sub>2</sub> (A')νas CF <sub>2</sub>	1402[5]	1314(407)[4.2]	1436[4]	1360(398)[3.3]
v <sub>7</sub> (E)		$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_3(A')\nu\text{as MF}_4 \\ v_{16}(A'')\nu\text{as MF}_4 \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 776[7] \\ \sim 735[7] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 736(146)[.48] \\ 736(117)[.11] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 716[19] \\ 701[29] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 669(108)[2.0] \\ 669(108)[.12] \end{array} \right.$
v <sub>1</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )		v <sub>4</sub> (A')ν MF'	765[18]	746(142)[6.1]	673[82]	671(98)[4.1]
v <sub>2</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )		v <sub>5</sub> (A')νs MF <sub>4</sub> in phase	701[100]	664(2.8)[26]	658[100]	622(2.2)[23]
	v <sub>2</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )965	v <sub>6</sub> (A') νs CF <sub>2</sub>	1037[20]	993(3.7)[9.8]	1050[28]	1013(26)[10]
v <sub>4</sub> (B <sub>1</sub> )		v <sub>17</sub> (A'') νs MF <sub>4</sub> out of phase	615[16]	597(.28)[3.1]	600[23]	578(.64)[2.6]
	v <sub>6</sub> (B <sub>2</sub> )774	v <sub>18</sub> (A'') δ MOCF <sub>2</sub> out of plane	792[3]	756(74)[.56]	774[6]	757(43)[.52]
	v <sub>5</sub> (B <sub>1</sub> )626	v <sub>7</sub> (A') δ MOCF <sub>2</sub> in plane	673[4]	623(13)[1.5]	coincid. <sup>d</sup>	634(16)[3.3]
v <sub>3</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )		v <sub>8</sub> (A') δ umbrella MF <sub>4</sub>	406[13]	405(.02)[1.7]	303[28]	309(.09)[1.6]
v <sub>8</sub> (E)		$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_{19}(A'') \delta \text{ FMF}_4 \text{ out of plane} \\ v_9(A') \delta \text{ FMF}_4 \text{ in plane} \end{array} \right.$	351[4] <sup>e</sup>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 381(48)[.19] \\ 380(45)[.20] \end{array} \right.$	285[5]	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 288(52)[.19] \\ 285(50)[.21] \end{array} \right.$
	v <sub>3</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )584	v <sub>10</sub> (A') δ sciss CF <sub>2</sub>	606[4]	575(3.9)[1.0]	606 sh	581(3.0)[1.0]
v <sub>6</sub> (B <sub>2</sub> )		v <sub>11</sub> (A') δ sciss MF <sub>4</sub>	328[7]	332(96)[.68]	265[14]	268(101)[.19]
v <sub>9</sub> (E)		$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_{12}(A') \delta \text{ as MF}_4 \text{ in plane} \\ v_{20}(A'') \delta \text{ as MF}_4 \text{ in plane} \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 308[9] \\ 238[4] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 276(.95)[1.1] \\ 277(.84)[1.0] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 226[14] \\ 242[14] \end{array} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 222(2.8)[.98] \\ 232(1.3)[.69] \end{array} \right.$
		v <sub>21</sub> (A'') δ wag COF <sub>2</sub>	—	165(.05)[.19]	194[19]	167(.04)[.37]
		v <sub>13</sub> (A') δ rock COF <sub>2</sub>	—	142 (5.4)[.07]	—	163(20)[.17]
v <sub>5</sub> (B <sub>1</sub> )		v <sub>22</sub> (A'') δ pucker MF <sub>4</sub>	—	108(0)[0]	—	112(0)[0]
		v <sub>14</sub> (A') νM-O	—	87(14)[.15]	—	115(7.9)[.09]
		v <sub>15</sub> (A') δM-O-C	—	55(.82)[.01]	—	65(0)[.03]
		v <sub>23</sub> (A'') τ C=O	—	42(.01)[.47]	—	47(0)[.40]
		v <sub>24</sub> (A'') τ M-O	—	24(.20)[.27]	—	34(.20)[.25]

<sup>a</sup>The observed frequencies were taken from ref 8. <sup>b</sup>Data from ref 24. <sup>c</sup>Weak bands shown in the Figures, but not listed in the tables of ref 8. <sup>d</sup>Coincidence with either 658[100] or 673[82]. <sup>e</sup>Figure 3 of ref 8 shows weak bands in the 380 cm<sup>-1</sup> region, which might also belong to v<sub>19</sub> and v<sub>9</sub> of the adduct.

### DIAGRAM CAPTIONS

Figure 1. Raman spectra of solid  $\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{AsF}_5$  (upper trace) and  $\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{SbF}_5$  (lower trace) recorded at  $-130\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

Figure 2. Raman spectra of solid  $\text{COCIF} \cdot \text{AsF}_5$  (upper trace) and  $\text{COCIF} \cdot \text{SbF}_5$  (lower trace) recorded at  $-130\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

Figure 3. Geometries optimized at the B3LYP/SBK +(d) level for  $\text{COCl}_2 \cdot \text{MF}_5$ ,  $\text{COCIF} \cdot \text{MF}_5$  and  $\text{COF}_2 \cdot \text{MF}_5$  where  $\text{M} = \text{As}(\text{Sb})$ .

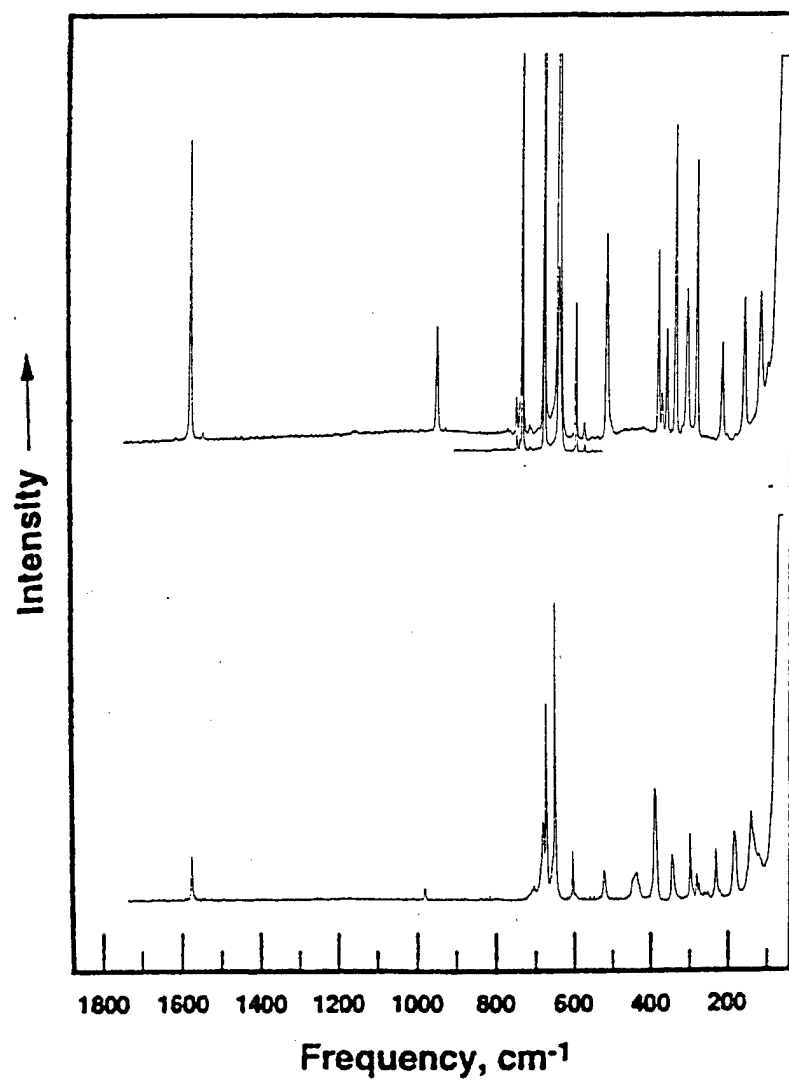


FIGURE 1

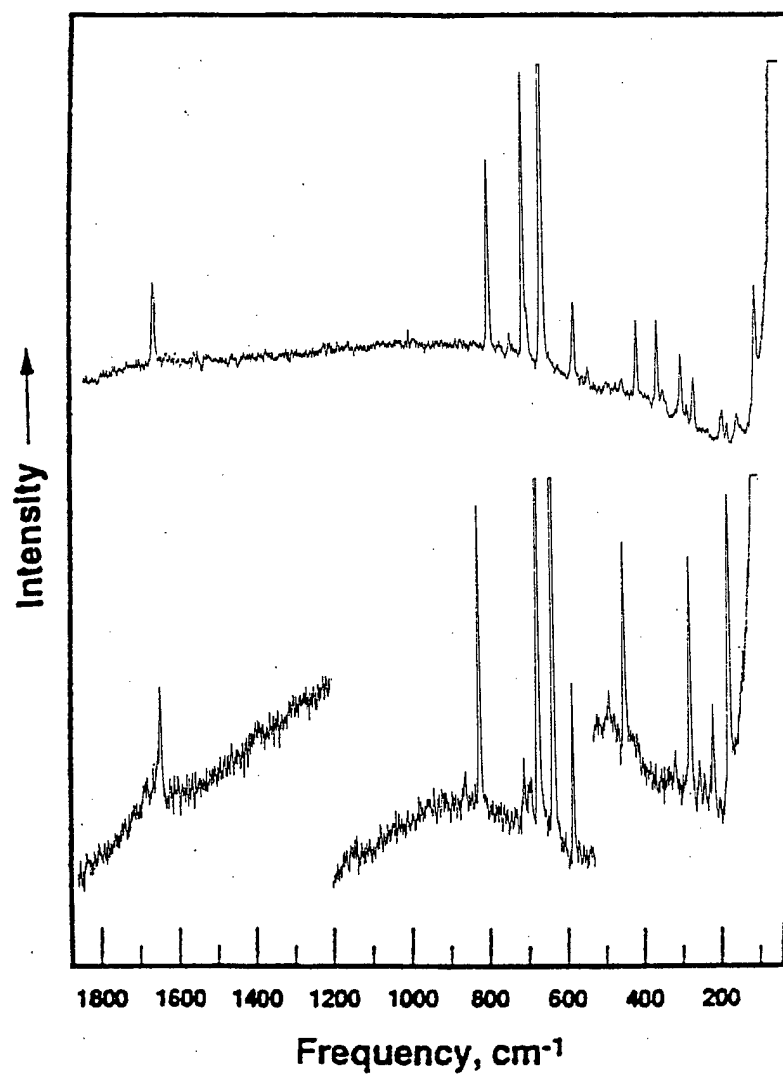
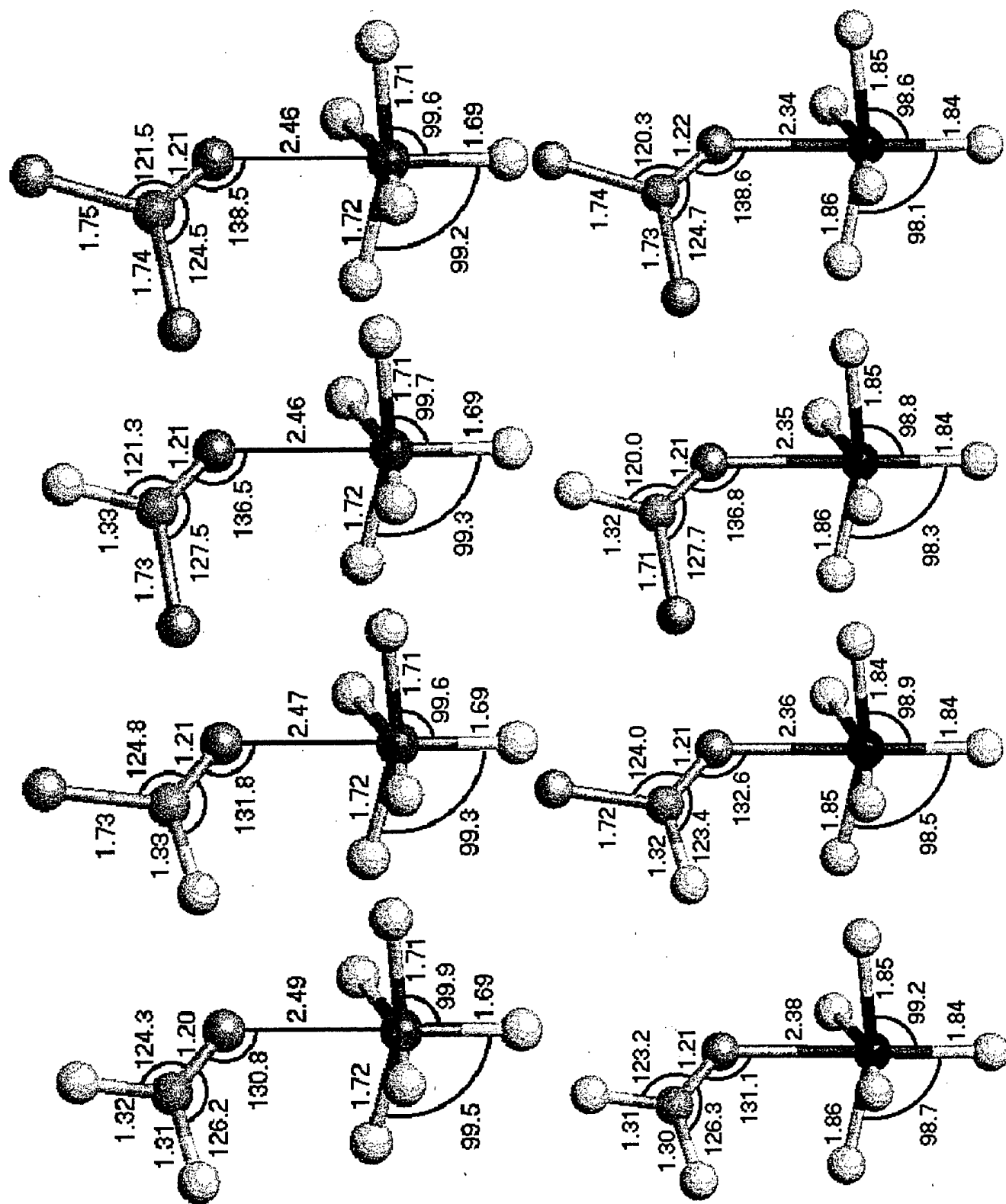


FIGURE 2



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